Pentecost: The Blessing

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READ: Acts 1:1-9
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An On Time Blessing

- Timing Can Be Very Important
- God Is An On Time God
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- Jesus Christ Came At Just The Right Time

- (Rom 5:6 NIV) You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.
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- God Does Everything Exact And Specific
- His Timing, Planning, Creating Are Perfect
- Jesus Came At The Right Time
- The Holy Spirit’s Blessing Came At The Right Time
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- The Church Is God’s Agency To Win The World For Christ And It Was Born At Just The Right Time

- The Blessing Of Pentecost Came At Just The Right Time
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An Overflowing Blessing

- Baptism = Filled To Overflowing
- Overflowing
  - Love
  - Strength
  - Leading
  - Power
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- The Overflow Blessing Is Evident In The Early Church
- The Early Church Was Made Up Of People Who Were Filled With The Holy Spirit – They Accomplished Much
- We Should See The Same In The Church In The 21st Century
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- In Order To Fulfill The Great Commandments & Great Commission

- We Need God’s Gift to The Believer The Baptism In The Holy Spirit

- If You Will Open Yourself To Him -- He Will Fill You To Overflowing!
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An Ongoing Blessing

- The Blessing Did Not Stop At Pentecost

- (Eph 1:3 NIV) Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.
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- The Ongoing Blessing Of Pentecost Is “The Blessing That Keeps On Blessing”

- An Ongoing Blessing = More To Follow
The Blessing Is For You & Your Children

(Acts 2:38-39 NIV) Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (39) The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off--for all whom the Lord our God will call."
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- God Has Made The Blessing The Holy Spirit Available To Us In The 21st Century

- When We Receive This Power We Will Be Able To Accomplish Great Things For God
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- Every Christian Should Earnestly Seek the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.
- Holy Spirit Baptism Is a Separate Experience Which Follows the New Birth
- The Baptism of The Holy Spirit Provides Believers With Power for Life and Service
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- The Baptism in the Holy Spirit Is an Overflowing Fullness of the Spirit

- The Baptism In The Holy Spirit Is For Every One Of Us
  - We Should Believe It
  - We Should Expect It
  - We Should Seek It
  - We Should Receive It
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What To Do With This Great Gift:

- Don’t Throw It Away
- Open It
- Receive It
- Enjoy It
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- This Powerful Gift Is Available To The Church Today
- The Baptism Of The Holy Spirit Will Help Us To Be All That He Wants Us To Be
- God Will Give This Gift To Every Single Believer Who Wants It
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(Acts 19:2 NIV) Have you received the baptism in the Holy Spirit since you believed?